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For: *Apparatus and Method for  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED FEBRUARY 22, 2006**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed February 22, 2006 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond until May 22, 2006. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed and respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

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**Claims** begin on page 3, the **Remarks** begin on page 7, and  
the **Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.

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